

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the first page of the specification of the above-identified application to identify a prior application of the above-identified application, Application No. 09/881,701, being relied upon under 35 USC §120 in the above-identified application, and to incorporate the contents of this prior application by reference in the above-identified application. Noting especially that the Declaration under 37 CFR § 1.63 being submitted in the above-identified application is a copy of the Declaration under 37 CFR § 1.63 submitted in No. 09/881,701, it is respectfully submitted that the present amendments do not add new matter to the application.

Entry of the present amendments, and, subsequent thereto, examination of the above-identified application in due course, and in light of the request in the presently filed Letter, are respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 501.40207VX1), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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